

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 56-80 are pending in this application, with claims 1, 56-59, 61, 65, 69, 73 and 77 being independent. Claims 56-59 were previously withdrawn, and claims 1, 2, 61, 62, 65, 66, 69, 70, 73, 74, 77 and 78 have been amended for clarity.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 1-3 and 60-80 are directed to allowable subject matter and would be allowed if rewritten to overcome the indefinite rejections asserted by the Examiner.

Claims 1-3 and 60-80 have been rejected as being indefinite. In particular, the Examiner asserts that independent claims 1, 61 and 69, and their dependent claims, are indefinite because the term "the two compounds" lacks antecedent basis. Claims 1, 61 and 69 have been amended for clarity to include proper antecedent bases. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 61 and 69, and their dependent claims 2, 3, 60, 62-64 and 70-72.

The Examiner also asserts that independent claims 65, 73 and 77, and their dependent claims, are indefinite because the limitation "at least two compounds selected from a group consisting of" contradicts the recited Markush grouping, which only includes two compounds. Claims 65, 73 and 77 have been amended to no longer recite the cited limitation. Therefore, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 65, 73 and 77, and their dependent claims 66-68, 74-76 and 78-80.

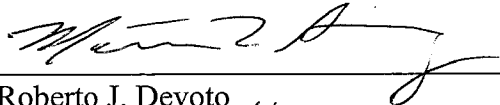
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